WILDERNESS PLANNING

Newsletter - December 2016

Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness & White Clouds Wilderness

The public scoping period for the draft wilderness management plan (the proposed action) initiated November 21st. The normal 30-day period has been extended to 45-days to accommodate the holidays. The public scoping period will conclude on January 5th. To access the draft Plan or for information about commenting on the Plan, please see the StoryMap link below.

StoryMap!

The interactive StoryMap website (http://arcg.is/28Z6RVo) is now available! This interactive site includes project information, a tentative timeline, links to each agency's project site, and interactive maps related to the

proposed actions, which are further detailed in the draft wilderness management plan. It's your one-stop shop for information on this Plan!

Public Meetings

Public meetings for the draft wilderness plan will be held the week of December 5th, as noted below.

- Challis, Idaho: December 5th, 5-7
 p.m. at the Forest Service Office, 311 N. US Hwy 93.
- Stanley, Idaho: December 6th,
 Noon-2 p.m. at the Stanley
 Community Center, Hwy 21.
- Ketchum, Idaho: December 6th, 5-7
 p.m. at the American Legion Hall,
 220 Cottonwood Street.

"Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall collaboratively develop wilderness management plans for the wilderness areas."

- Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act (Public Law 114– 46) Aug. 7, 2015



Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness

During the early scoping period (July 25-August 25, 2016) for the JMJP Plan, 32 comment letters were received. These letters may be viewed on the USFS site for the project. Click on "Public Comment/Objection Reading Room" on the right-hand side of the page to view the comment letters.

IDT Meetings

The internal interdisciplinary team (IDT) has met three times (June, September, November). Currently, the IDT is continuing to research existing data regarding resources present within the JMJP Wilderness, and drafting content for the proposed plan.

The team is currently on schedule to provide the draft Plan for public

scoping in February or March 2017.

For more information on the JMJP Wilderness, please visit the <u>BLM's</u> website.

Next Steps

H-B/WC Plan

- Public Scoping (ongoing)
- Public Scoping Meetings

JMJP Plan

Plan Development (on-going)

Project Websites

Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds

StoryMap Site

USFS Site

BLM Site

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BLM Site

"In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition..."



